

CONFIDENTIAL

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**MINUTES OF THE 492nd MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 11th MARCH, 2013**

The 492nd Meeting of the Commission was held on 11th March, 2013 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Sh. Ashok Thakur	Member
3. Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal	Member
4. Prof.Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain	Member
5. Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath	Member
6. Dr. Indu Shahani	Member
7. Prof. Yogendra Yadav	Member
8. Prof. V. S. Chauhan	Member
9. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy	Member
10. Prof. M.M.Ansari	Member

Leave of absence was granted to Prof. Achyutananda Samanta, Member who could not attend the meeting

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. Akhilesh Gupta

Financial Adviser

Shri Upamanyu Basu

AGENDA

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 491st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **21st January, 2013**.

The Minutes of the 491st meeting of UGC were confirmed with the following amendments in item 2.1:-

“The members of the Revisit Committee Prof. A.N. Rai, VC, NEHU and Prof. Vivek Suneja, Pro VC, University of Delhi were also invited to the meeting. After due deliberations, it was agreed that API may continue to be an objective system for screening the candidates both for the purposes of direct recruitment and promotion. The recommendation of the Revisit Committee on exemption to Ph.D. candidates from NET/ SLET was discussed but the discussion remained inconclusive”.

Action : FA

- 1.01 (b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 491st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **21st January, 2013**.

Noted.

- 1.02(a)** To ratify the action taken on certain matters

(i) To report the inclusion of 59 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.01.2013 to 31.01.2013.

Noted and approved.

(ii) To ratify the issue regarding extension of e-payment for disbursement of the fellowships through Canara Bank.

Noted and approved.

Further, it was resolved that the amount of fellowship paid upfront to the bank for disbursement should not be kept floating in the bank as interest earned on the float would accrue to the custodian bank and that is against the Government policy on financial prudence. Instead of paying the entire fellowship amount upfront, only the requisite amount as against the fellowship holders who have already registered may be paid to the bank and the balance paid as and when eligible / selected beneficiaries of the fellowship amounts register. While doing so, it may be ensured that no beneficiary should suffer from non-receipt of fellowship amount.

Action : JS(SA)

1.02(b) To receive the items of information

- (i) To report the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) represented by the Director Ms. Christiane Schlottmann and the University Grants Commission represented by the Chairman Prof. Ved Prakash signed on 16-11-2012 at DAAD office, New Delhi for a period of three years.

Noted and approved.

The Commission decided that there has to be a separate head for funding International collaborations and a separate Cell may be set up to monitor and carry forward these collaborations.

Action : FA

1.03 To receive the position of funds of UGC and related Issues.

No item.

**SECTION-2
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

- 2.01** To consider the issue for enhancement in the rate of maintenance of beds in respect of JN Medical College Hospital, Aligarh Muslim University and Sir Sunderlal Hospital, Banaras Hindu University.

The Commission resolved that the rates prescribed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare should be followed and the amount sought for by AMU may be released on account. Further, the commission observed that the norms for funding medical colleges may be evolved.

Action : JS(CU)

- 2.02** To consider the approval of Guideline for Operationalization of Meta University concept.

Taking note of the progress made in this regard, the Commission resolved to sanction proposal from the Meta University. The Commission further resolved that an analysis if feedback received from the existing model be made before its extension to other meta universities.

Action : JS(CU)

- 2.03** To consider proposals of colleges for construction of building on leased land – SWRO Bangalore.

While not agreeing with the proposal, the Commission resolved that such proposals can be considered only in cases of long term lease of at least 33 years.

Action : JS(RO)

- 2.04** To consider the proposal of University of Mumbai to start a specialized Post Graduate Programme “M.Sc. (Finance)”.

Approved.

Action : JS(CPP-II)

- 2.05** To consider the UGC (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012.

The Commission resolved that only those foreign institutions which are accredited with the highest grade in their homeland should be allowed to collaborate with those Indian institutions which are also accredited with the highest grade by the recognized Indian accrediting agencies.

Action : JS(CPP-II)

- 2.06** To consider exemption of submission of Utilization Certificate along with Annual Audited Statement for further release of fourth quarter of Non-Plan grant in respect of few central universities for the financial year 2011-2012 by way of relaxing the General Financial Rules (GFRs) of Government of India.

The Commission resolved that the relaxation from the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance may be obtained.

Action : JS(CU)

- 2.07** To consider the report of the Committee regarding General Development Assistance Scheme and Merged Schemes to be implemented during the 12th Plan period.

The Commission noted the recommendations of the committee and decided to promote Block Grant in respect of expenditure of recurring nature.

Further, the Commission authorized the Chairman to finalize the allocation in respect of recurring items of expenditure to individual institutions keeping in view the overall allocation made available to UGC, XIth Plan allocation to individual institutions, the projection made by the individual institutions and the pace of expenditure incurred by the institutions in the previous Plan.

Action : JS(XII Plan)

- 2.08** To consider and approve the recommendations of the Committee to revisit UGC Regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers, Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standard in Higher Education), 2010 not having financial implications.

The Commission after listening to the presentations made by the Chairman of the Anomaly Committee and Chairman of the Revisit Committee, resolved that a Committee comprising Prof. V.S. Chauhan, Prof. E. Seyed Hasnain, Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath and Shri R.P. Sisodia would look into both the API and the PBAS and propose necessary amendments in the Regulations.

Further, the Commission authorized the Chairman to finalize the amendments proposed by the aforesaid committee and notify the same.

Action : FA

- 2.09** To consider the Proposal of Aligarh Muslim University for strengthening of the existing Schools and conversion of the ABK Union High School into Regular Secondary School of AMU.

Approved

Action : JS(CU)

- 2.10.** To consider the UGC guidelines on Students' entitlements.

Approved

Action : JS(CPP-II)

SECTION-3
(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There is no item in this section)

SECTION-4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the issue of hosting UGC-Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) Conference in connection with Centenary celebrations of ACU in India.

The Commission resolved to delegate full powers to the Chairman UGC to approve such conferences in future.

Action : FA

- 4.02** To approve the allocation of Rs.15.00 crores for Focused Area Research of Osmania University, Hyderabad under “Universities with Potential for Excellence” (UPE) scheme.

Approved

Action : JS(NS/PE)

- 4.03** To consider the guidelines for e-content Development of Project submission for Assistance from UGC under National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NME-ICT).

Approved

Action : JS(e-Content)

- 4.04** To consider and approve the guidelines of the scheme of National Professorship.

The Commission noted that the scheme of National Research Professorship is already existing in the Ministry of HRD. The Commission resolved that the Ministry of HRD may be requested to at least double the number of National Research Professorship.

Action : JS(SA)

4.05 To approve the amendment in the guidelines for the scheme of Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for single Girl Child.

The Commission resolved to refer the matter to the Fellowship Committee constituted by the UGC.

Action : JS(SA)

4.06 To consider and approve the guidelines of a new scheme of Teaching Assistantship.

The Commission resolved to refer the matter to the Committee consisting of the Commission Members, Dr. Yogendra Yadav and Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath for its recommendations.

Action : JS(SA)

4.07 To consider Establishing Chairs in the Name of Nobel Laureates.

The Commission resolved to refer the issue of establishing the Noble Laureates Chairs to the Awards Committee.

Action : JS(XII Plan)

4.08 To consider the report of the Review Committee which reviewed the National Centre of Applied Human Genetics (NCAHG) at Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi under New Schemes.

The Commission resolved that the proposal of the Centre could be considered under Centre with Potential for Excellence in a Particular Area (CPEPA) subject to the University applying for such assistance under the scheme.

Action : JS(NS/PE)

**SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

- 5.01** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited National Law University (State University), Cuttack (Odisha) on 25th & 26th November, 2012 for inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Approved

Action : Dir(Admn.)

- 5.02** To consider the compliance report submitted by Jaipur National University, Jaipur (Rajasthan) in respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the Private University on 10th to 12th April, 2008 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

Approved subject to the condition that no general development assistance be given to it.

Action : Dir(Admn.)

- 5.03** To consider the compliance report submitted by Sharda University, Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh) in respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the Private University on 30th March – 1st April, 2010 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

Approved subject to the condition that no general development assistance be given to it.

Action : Dir (Admn.)

- 5.04** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee which visited the Chennai off-campus centre of Vellore Institute of Technology (Deemed to be University), Vellore, Tamil Nadu to consider its inclusion under the ambit of the Deemed to be University.

Approved prospectively.

Action : Dir (Admn.)

- 5.05** To consider the request of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), (Deemed to be University) to rename the institutions started without the approval of UGC as Schools and merge these institutions in the constituents units approved by the Government of India, MHRD.

The Commission deliberated on the proposal regarding the request of MAHE, an institution deemed to be university with regard to renaming of the institutions started by it, without approval of the UGC, as schools and merge these institutions in its approved constituent units. The Commission noted that during the course of the review in 2009 it was found that MAHE had started the following constituent units without the approval of the UGC –

- a) Manipal Institute of Management, Manipal (1999)**
- b) Manipal Institute of Jewelry Management, Manipal (2005)**
- c) Manipal Institute of Communication, Manipal (1994)**
- d) Manipal Centre for Information Science, Manipal (1998)**
- e) Manipal College of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal (1998)**
- f) KMC International Centre, Manipal (2005)**
- g) Manipal Institute of Regenerative Medicine, Bangalore (2007)**
- h) Manipal College of Nursing, Mangalore (2007)**

MAHE has now proposed to rename the above institutions [except the institution at (f) above] as under –

- a) School of Management, Manipal Institute of Technology Manipal**
- b) School of Jewelry Management, Manipal Institute of Technology Manipal**
- c) School of Communication, Manipal Institute of Technology Manipal**

- d) **School of Information Science, Manipal Institute of Technology Manipal**
- e) **School of Allied Health Sciences, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal**
- f) **Institution closed**
- g) **School of Regenerative Medicine, Manipal Multi Campus at Manipal Hospital, Bangalore**
- h) **School of Nursing, Kasturba Medical College Mangalore**

The Commission took serious note of the lapse on the part of MAHE. However, from records made available in UGC, it was gathered that the institution deemed to be university (MAHE) was already granted approval for conducting the courses by the institutions mentioned at (a), (c), (d) and (e) above in 2004. Accordingly, the Commission approved the renaming of these institutions by MAHE. Further, in respect of the institutions mentioned at (g) and (h), permission was sought from UGC by MAHE but was not accorded. The Commission, however, approved the renaming of these institutions by MAHE keeping in view the nature of the courses conducted by these two institutions.

The Commission, however, rejected the proposal of the MAHE with regard to the Institute of Jewelry Management.

Action : Dir (Admn.)

- 5.06** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (State University), Okhla (Delhi) on 28th & 29th January, 2013 for inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956

Approved.

Action : Dir (Admn.)

- 5.07** To consider the matter relating to release of balance payable grant of Rs.56,25,000.00 to Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune towards construction of Class Room Building approved during X Plan period under General Development Scheme.

Considering the historical status of the University and earlier decision of the Commission to continue funding similar other institutions e.g. Gurukul Kangri Vishvavidyalaya, the Commission approved the proposal to release of balance payable grant of Rs.56,25,000.00 to Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune towards construction of Class Room Building approved during X Plan period under General Development Scheme.

Action : JS(DU)

- 5.08** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee to consider the proposal received from Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pune, Maharashtra for recognition under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956 to become eligible to receive central assistance.

Approved subject to the condition that no general development assistance be given to it.

Action : Dir (Admn.)

- 5.09** To consider Commission's decision regarding no more recurring grant be provided to NISWASS till such time detailed justification / rational behind recommendation of recurring grant is given as an item by the Bureau for consideration by the Commission.

NISWASS was granted a seed money of Rs. 20 crore and a recurring grant of Rs. 4.91 crore per annum. There have been a number of irregularities in the utilization of funds by the institute as pointed out by the Sathyam Committee which was set up to enquire into the complaints against the organization.

The Commission resolved that NISWASS be asked to submit the utilization certificates of the grants already given to it and that no further grant of any kind be given to NISWASS.

Action : JS(RO)

**SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of UGC

Recorded Separately.

Action : Dir (Admn.)

6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme.

No item.

**(AKHILESH GUPTA)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN**